



**U.S. Department of Justice**

*United States Attorney  
Eastern District of New York*

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610 Federal Plaza  
Central Islip, New York 11722

November 18, 2015

By Hand and ECF

The Honorable Joseph F. Bianco  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
1040 Federal Plaza  
Central Islip, New York 11722

Re: United States v. Cerna et al.  
Criminal Docket No. 15-087 (S-2)(JFB)


Dear Judge Bianco:

Please be advised that, pursuant to a letter dated November 14, 2015, United States Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch authorized and directed the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York not to seek the death penalty against the defendants Edwin Acosta-Martinez, Sergio Cerna and Arnolvin Umanzor Velasquez.

Respectfully submitted,

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